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Week ending July 24, 2011

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, July 24, 2011**. Rains that fell over the weekend have improved conditions for pasture, gardens, and many crops, but have been too late to be of much help to corn. Plant bugs and worms persist in many cotton fields and boll worm problems in soybeans have been reported. Soil moisture was rated 4 percent very short, 19 percent short, 54 percent adequate, and 23 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending July 24, 2011

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, silked	100	99	100	100
Corn, dough	96	87	96	96
Corn, dent	82	55	80	76
Corn, mature	6	--	19	14
Cotton, squaring	97	94	100	99
Cotton, setting bolls	63	40	90	79
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	67	63	60	62
Peanuts, pegging	100	93	93	95
Rice, headed	58	33	74	47
Sorghum, heading	85	69	98	95
Sorghum, coloring	29	18	36	40
Soybeans, blooming	95	87	96	97
Soybeans, setting pods	74	47	86	85
Soybeans, turning color	3	--	5	8
Sweet Potatoes, planted	100	100	100	100
Watermelons, harvested	78	72	88	91

Crop condition for week ending July 24, 2011

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn	15	14	23	32	16
Cotton	2	11	23	46	18
Hay	11	21	29	35	4
Livestock	5	16	34	38	7
Pasture	12	15	28	39	6
Peanuts	0	1	39	44	16
Rice	0	3	29	47	21
Sorghum	1	6	21	62	10
Soybeans	5	9	25	45	16
Sweet Potatoes	3	9	25	40	23

Comments

“Growers are still watering all they can and spraying insects. We sure do need a good rain.”

— Don Respons, Quitman

“Scattered rains helped but there are still some hot spots that need rain. Cotton is probably the crop that is holding up in these drought conditions the best. Hay harvest is nearing completion. If we don’t get rain soon, it will be over for this year.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“Scattered showers and cooler weather was a welcomed change for this past week. Most of the area received adequate rainfall ranging from .5 - 2.5 inches, however there were some areas that failed to receive anything in the way of precipitation. Boll worm problems in soybeans have increased. Cotton is setting bolls well and plant bug pressure is still steady. Corn is reaching physiological maturity and a few local farmers that use on farm storage have begun to harvest.”

— Preston Aust, Humphreys

“More soybean fields are having worm problems. Plant bugs and worms continue to be a problem in many cotton fields. Growers with irrigation systems went back to watering this past week. Many corn fields have now been irrigated for the last time.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Afternoon rains have really changed the look of the landscape across the county. Livestock producers aren't cutting any hay and vegetable producers are experiencing lots of rain-related problems with their vegetables and melons.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Many dryland cotton fields are blooming out the top. Dryland corn is at about 1/2 milk line and moving quickly.”
— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Most areas had some rain, but we still need a good soaking rain. Corn & milo (sorghum) are still iffy. Soybeans and cotton are looking good.”
— Pamela S. Redwine Yalobusha

“Scattered showers this past weekend across the county have helped most crops. Some areas are still dry though. Most pastures are in decent shape and hay harvesting is continuing as weather permits.”
— Patrick Poindexter Alcorn

“A few scattered showers in the county has helped to drop the high temperatures for a little time. Corn harvest is under way and soybeans are beginning to mature.”
— Lester Stephens, Washington

“Most of this area has now received at least some rain; some parts are actually wet while others will need more rain. Much of our corn is now beyond the stage that rain can help it.”
— Ernest Flint, Attala

“The county received 2-5" of rain last week.”
— Juli Hughes, Choctaw

“Most areas of the county have received several inches of much needed rain over the last few days. Ponds are filling up again, pastures are greening up, and all is well.”
— Ruby D. Rankin, Kemper

“It’s been wet, wet, wet. The frequent showers have improved pasture, but are not allowing for hay cutting. Soybeans are really benefiting from the rain, but now have to be on the lookout for diseases.”
— Richard Hay, Amite

“We received about 2 inches of rain over the past week, more in some places. This rain was greatly needed; pastures are responding plus cotton and peanuts look good. Some oaks have died from the drought and pine beetles are showing up in stressed pines. Hay supplies are predicted to be short for the winter.”
— Lee Taylor, Forrest

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending July 24, 2011

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation			
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks
Upper Delta									
Clarksdale	94	73	83	82	1	1.00	0.13	1	3.90
Cleveland	96	71	83	84	-1	2.47	1.60	2	5.56
Lambert 1W	97	72	84			0.00	-0.77	0	0.53
Extreme/Average	97	71	83	82	1	1.16	0.29	1	3.33
North-Central									
Batesville	95	72	83	81	2	0.07	-0.82	1	0.77
Calhoun City	96	71	82	81	1	0.92	0.00	3	1.94
Hickory Flat	95	67	81	80	1	0.14	-0.88	1	2.96
Holly Springs	98	67	82	79	3	0.23	-0.78	2	2.72
Independence	96	70	83	81	2	0.03	-0.80	1	1.02
Oxford	96	70	83	81	2	2.38	1.48	1	5.76
Extreme/Average	98	67	82	81	1	0.63	-0.30	2	2.53
Northeast									
Booneville	95	70	81	80	1	0.20	-0.71	1	2.33
Corinth 7SW	95	69	82	82	0	0.73	-0.23	1	3.04
Pontotoc Exp	95	70	81	81	0	0.00	-0.99	0	2.34
Verona	96	72	83	81	2	0.40	-0.37	1	2.51
Extreme/Average	96	69	82	81	1	0.33	-0.62	1	2.56
Lower Delta									
Belzoni	95	73	83	82	1	0.02	-1.16	1	0.28
Moorhead	95	73	83	82	1	0.61	-0.45	2	4.01
Rolling Fork	98	74	84	82	2	0.00	-0.88	0	4.33
Yazoo City	96	75	84	82	2	0.54	-0.41	3	2.74
Extreme/Average	98	73	84	83	1	0.29	-0.67	2	2.84
Central									
Canton 4N	95	70	81	82	-1	2.19	1.34	3	6.43
Forest 3S	94	68	80	80	0	2.50	1.22	2	4.07
Kosciusko	95	72	82	81	1	1.74	0.45	4	4.46
Winona 5E	94	69	81	78	3	6.76	5.75	5	11.65
Extreme/Average	95	68	81	81	0	3.30	2.25	4	6.65
East-Central									
Aberdeen	96	72	83	81	2	0.25	-0.60	2	1.52
Columbus	98	71	83	82	1	0.98	0.03	3	4.10
Macon	95	70	81	81	0	0.97	-0.07	4	3.38
State University	97	68	82	81	1	1.99	1.01	3	3.95
Extreme/Average	98	68	82	81	1	1.05	0.03	3	3.24
Southwest									
Brookhaven City				81		0.10	-0.95	1	5.60
Crystal Springs	98	70	82	82	0	1.15	0.23	2	6.64
Natchez	95	73	82	82	0	0.61	-0.30	3	2.18
Vicksburg City	96	73	84			0.00		0	1.19
Extreme/Average	98	70	83	81	2	0.47	-0.54	2	3.34
South-Central									
Collins	92	71	80	81	-1	1.92	0.80	5	4.87
Columbia	95	72	82	82	0	2.47	1.21	4	9.28
Monticello	95	71	83	81	2	0.06	-0.99	1	4.41
Raleigh 6N	93	67	79			1.74		3	3.46
Extreme/Average	95	67	81	81	0	1.55	0.36	3	5.87
Southeast									
Hattiesburg	92	72	80	82	-2	1.20	-0.13	2	5.28
Laurel	94	70	81	81	0	1.13	-0.13	3	6.49
Newton	95	70	80	81	-1	1.76	0.64	3	4.39
Waynesboro 2W	94	71	81	81	0	0.86	-0.31	3	3.57
Extreme/Average	95	70	80	81	-1	1.24	-0.02	3	4.93
State	98	67	82	81	1	1.19	0.15	2	4.06

DFN = Departure from Normal.